

REMARKS

The following claims are pending: 1-4, 8-13, 17-19, 22-25, 35, and 37-63. By this Amendment, claims 19, 22-26, 29-32, 39 and 54-62 are canceled. Upon entry of this Amendment, thirty (30) claims will be pending, of which six (6) are independent (i.e., claims 1, 10, 35, 40, 47, 63). No new matter will be incorporated into the present application by entry of this Amendment. The Patent Office is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees that may be required for entry of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 061910.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner: objected to claim 59 because of informalities; rejected claims 19, 22-25, 26, 29-32, 39, 54-58, and 59-62 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Boord; and allowed claims 1-4, 8-9, 10-13, 17-18, 35, 37-38, 40-46, 47-53 and 63. Applicants thank Examiner McDermott for his indication of the allowable claims.

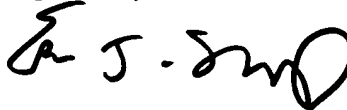
With respect to the objection of claim 59 and the rejection of claims 19, 22-25, 26, 29-32, 39, 54-58, and 59-62, the present Amendment cancels each of these claims and therefore the outstanding objection and rejections are rendered moot.

In order to obtain issuance of claims at the earliest possible date, Applicants are hereby canceling the claims that stand rejected. Applicants, however, respectfully traverse the rejections and submit that the canceled claims are patentably distinct from the cited art. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims and/or other claims focusing on similar embodiments in future prosecution.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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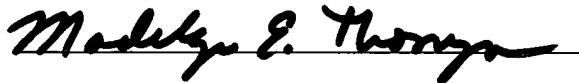
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